of

The University of Alberta

presents

COMPOSER'S FORUM

Friday, April 11, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. Convocation Hall, Old Arts Building

Variations for Brass on O Haupt Voll Blut und Wunden Deborah Beckman Dawn Hage and Rick Fossey, trumpets Margaret Bunkall, horn Ivan Mast, trombone David Wiley, tuba
Escape Artist
When Hugo Wolf Went Mad
Thropical Cliflectriv
INTERMISSION

Sing to Me
An Introduction
The Tortoise and the Hare (words and music)

THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE

Words and music by Elizabeth Jacob

Choir

Once upon a time, there lived a tortoise and a hare. Now the tortoise, you would agree is quite a kindly soul, but on the whole, one must confess of speed and show, he's rather less than any hare. For the hare will surely tell you, he's as fast as fast they come. But will the haughty hare still be so sure when all is done?

The Hare

What a dull creature is the tortoise. He's so dull that he always bores us.

The Tortoise

And yet, though dull I well may be; I'll run with you for a wager!

Choir

Oh my, oh dear, did you hear? Oh dear, oh my, do you know why? The tortoise and the hare are to run a race. Oh dear, oh my, that's just not fair: a race between a tortoise and a hare.

But twas done and done, and the fox by consent was to be judge. So they started out together, but only shortly did that last; for the tortoise moves at snail's pace, while the hare is fast.

The Tortoise

If I keep a steady pace, then perhaprs I'll win the race. I think I can, I think I can, I know I can.

Choir

Poor dear, he's oh so slow, he just doesn't know, he's still so much further to go.

The Hare

Ha Ha, oh look at him! Ha Ha, he'll never win! Ha Ha, he'll finish last. Ha Ha, I'm just too fast.... Ahhhh I'm tired.

Choir

Yes be a sport go on play fair. Give him a chance, you're halfway there. You're tired, lie down and have a rest. No need to hurry, no need to worry, 'cause you can beat the tortoise with great ease, you can beat the tortoise when you please.

But while he slept, the tortoise crept towards his goal. He wasn't fast, but soon he passed the sleeping hare and plodded towards the finish line. The hare was left quite far behind.

Wake up you sleepy hare, wake up he's almost there. Wake up you'll have to run, Wake up he's almost done. Oh hurry, hurry.....
He's getting close, he's there almost, he's at the post....

the tortoise won.